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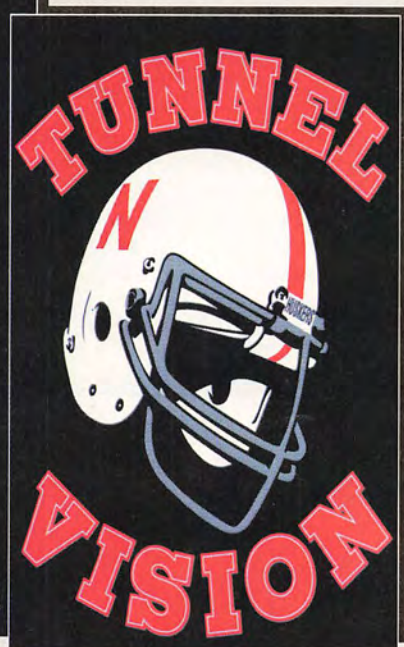
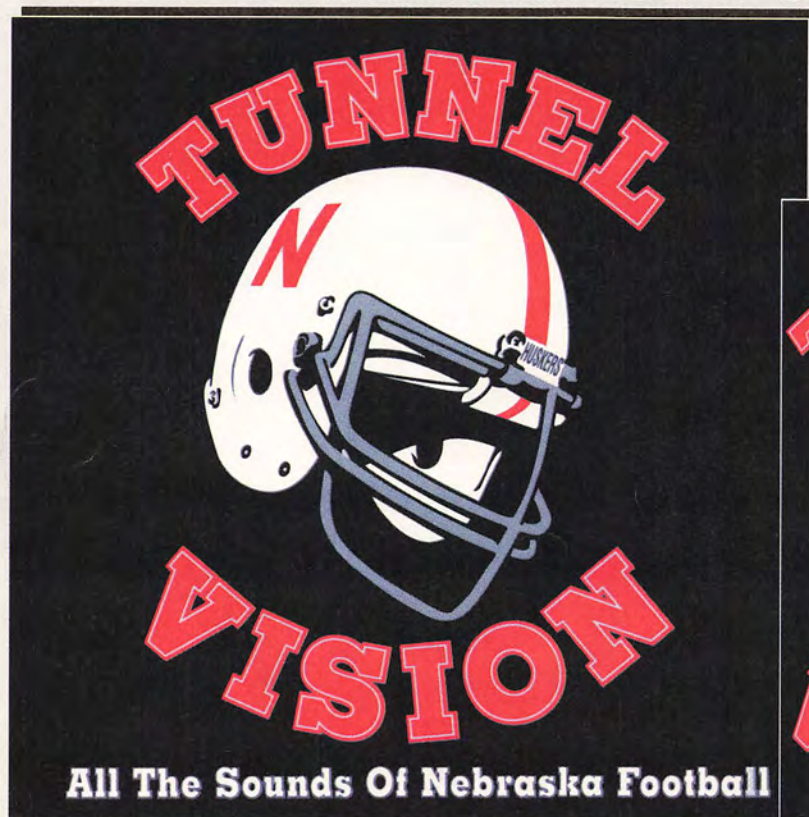
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LETTERS



On Thursday evening's news broadcast on KETV, the sportscaster said Nebraska was in another season of a "Scoring Explosion." The only thing worth questioning about the team on the field was the defense which was giving up scores to the other team, he said.

I, on the other hand, do not feel pressured. I rely on the assumption that they score on our third-string defense. In the bigger games, opponents will have to face our first-stringers.

Mark Huse

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After seeing Clinton Childs go 65 yards for a touchdown on our first offensive play against Arizona

State, I revised Lyle Bremser's old war cry to "Man, Woman and Childs!"

C. Firman Samuelson
Bella Vista, Ark.

I just received my first issue of *Huskies Illustrated*, and I love it. By being a Husker fan from Georgia, it is hard to follow Nebraska football. But now I can stay up on all the action with your magazine.

Finally, I want to wish the Cornhuskers the best in 1995. How about a Nebraska-Florida State showdown in the Fiesta Bowl for the national championship? How sweet it would be to beat, in my opinion, the media's favorite team for the No. 1 ranking.

Jerry Greene
Ideal, Ga.

Husker Thunder rolled into the 1995 football season by crushing a Big Eight rival (Oklahoma State) with a very impressive victory. When is the last time that the Huskers opened their season against a Big Eight opponent?

David J. Kantor
Dayton, Ohio

1: Who caught Nebraska's only touchdown pass in the 1995 Orange Bowl against the Miami Hurricanes?

2: What is Bob Devaney's present position with the University of Nebraska?

3: Who started at quarterback in Tom Osborne's first game as head coach at Nebraska.

4: Mike Rozier shattered an old Big Eight record for most points scored in a season. How many points did he score, and whose record did he break?

5: In which game did Nebraska first use the 'Fumbleroosky'?

Husker Trivia

Answers to last week's questions (Oct. 14 issue)

1: Bernie Masterson was ousted under bitter circumstances after two seasons and only a 5-13 record. He had a five-year contract with the university, but the remaining three years were bought up by a group of NU supporters. 2: Dave Humm holds most of the Husker passing records and set the career record for most interceptions in a career with 36 from 1972-74. 3: In the past 16 years only twice (1986 and 1990) have the Huskers failed to have a 1,000 yard rusher. 4: Johnny Rodgers was a star at Omaha Technical High and showed flashes of the brilliance that would win him the Heisman in 1972. 5: On Nov. 6, 1993 the Huskers defeated Kansas in their 1,000th contest. It is fitting that the milestone was reached against Kansas because the rivalry with KU is Nebraska's oldest.

One request we always get is for a Nebraska trivia section to be added to *Huskies Illustrated*. Well, the wait is over. Starting with this issue, each week we'll provide five questions from Lowell Greunke's trivia book "Husker Trivia." You'll have a week to mull over the answer before we print the answers. If you'd like a copy of "Husker Trivia," send a check for \$13.95 to: Husker Trivia, P.O. Box 44142, Omaha, NE, 68144

The last time Nebraska opened the season against a conference foe was 1948, when Iowa State came to Lincoln. The George "Potsy" Clark team won 19-15 to start the 2-8 season. — Editor

I was very proud of the guts and integrity that the University of Nebraska showed by forcing Lawrence Phillips, the best college football player in the nation, off the team. The stand against domestic violence that Nebraska took made me wonder if any other college programs would have the guts that Tom Osborne did.

Would Joe Paterno? Would Bobby Bowden? Almost certainly not. Something tells me they would look the other way. Good luck in 1995 to the cleanest and still the best program in the country.

Erik Ehlers
Englewood, Colo.

Regarding DJR's comments on the Huskers' "weak" schedule (Sept. 16, 1995) I would like to reply. If my memory serves me right, Oklahoma, Kansas State, Colorado and Texas Tech went to bowl games. We also played a good UCLA team and Wyoming proved it was no slouch.

To those who say we didn't play anybody, I say wake up.

Wes Cornelius
Liberal, Kan.

I'm a Husker fan who feels the Black Shirts never got the recognition they deserved in last season's success. Many say last year's offensive line was the best Nebraska ever had. Maybe, but I strongly believe the 1994 Black Shirts were the best the school has ever had.

The offense sputtered in a few games (Kansas State and Oklahoma) and to the best of my memory, the defense never had any letdowns. They were consistent in shutting down high-powered offenses such as KSU, Colorado, OU, UCLA and Miami.

Many times champions are built around great defenses, and I think last year's Black Shirts were the best in the land. Great job coach Charlie McBride.

Jason Fulghum
Wichita, Kan.

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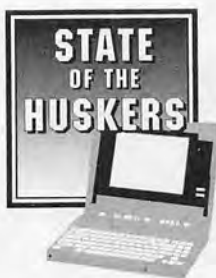
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Ready And Waiting

Third-string quarterback Matt Turman proved last year against Kansas State that he could be an adequate backup if the call goes his way

By MIKE BABCOCK

A caller to the Big Red Wrap-Up show on the NETV network wanted to know if Scott Frost would be Nebraska's No. 1 quarterback a year from now.

Frost, a high school All-American from Wood River, is sitting out this season after transferring from Stanford. His talent is such that he's a good candidate to earn the starting job. He *will* have to earn it, though, most definitely.

Bill Doleman, the program's host, said Frost would have to compete with freshmen Frankie London and Jeff Perino during the spring. Tom Shatel, sports columnist for the *Omaha World-Herald* and a guest on the show, added Matt Turman's name to the list.

It's easy to forget about Turman when Tommie Frazier and Brook Berringer are healthy. But a year ago, with Frazier sidelined by blood clots and Berringer slowed by a partially collapsed lung, every Nebraska fan was familiar with Turman's name.

The walkon from Wahoo Neumann High School was responsible for one of the most remarkable performances during the Cornhuskers' race to the national championship.

The Huskers were ranked No. 2 in the CNN/*USA Today* coaches' poll and No. 3 in the Associated Press poll when they went to Manhattan to play Kansas State. The Wildcats, also undefeated, were ranked No. 11 or No. 16, depending on which of the polls was consulted.

The damp, gray morning at KSU

Stadium was alive with anticipation, even the expectation, that Kansas State would finally end Nebraska's dominance. The Cornhuskers had won 25 consecutive games in the series — dating to 1968, when Kansas State came to Memorial Stadium and won, 12-0.

Given the circumstances, Husker coach Tom Osborne described Nebraska's chances of winning as a "50-50 proposition." Turman had only one half of meaningful collegiate competition. He had come off the bench to direct the Cornhuskers to 23 second-half points a week earlier.

After serving as a backup to Tommie Frazier (15) and Brook Berringer (18) for two years, Matt Turman (11) will have to battle Scott Frost (16), Frankie London (12) and Jeff Perino (9) in the spring.





Against Kansas State last year, Matt Turman became the first walkon to start at quarterback since 1985.

ball game held its collective breath" as the Cornhuskers rallied for 14 fourth-quarter points to win, 38-31. With Paul Watson completing 26 of 46 passes for 340 yards and two touchdowns, Kansas State took a 31-24 lead into the final period.

After a 38-24 Nebraska victory in Tokyo in 1992, Kansas State gave Cornhusker fans another scare at Memorial Stadium in 1993. Chad May completed 30-of-51 passes for 489 yards and two touch-

downs and the Wildcats trailed by only three in the middle of the fourth quarter before losing 45-28.

May was 22-of-48 for 249 yards and one touchdown last season. But he was sacked six times for 53 yards in losses and threw an interception. His statistics were much more impressive than those of Turman. But the results were what mattered. And on that count, Turman came out ahead.

Remember? You should. Turman's contribution to Nebraska's national championship was substantial.

And No. 11 is still around. He's ready to contribute again if and when the Cornhuskers need him, whether it's this season or next. ■

er in a 32-3 victory against Oklahoma State.

Osborne went conservative with his offense against Kansas State. Even so, Turman, the first walkon to start at quarterback for Nebraska since Travis Turner in 1985, had to perform at an extremely high level in order for the Cornhuskers to win, 17-6.

Turman played most of the first half, directing a six-play, 28-yard touchdown drive midway through the first quarter and providing Nebraska with all the points it really needed. He completed 2-of-4 passes for 15 yards and rushed for 10 yards on four carries before giving way to Berringer.

Despite the Cornhuskers' 26 consecutive victories, the Kansas State series has produced some memorable moments in recent seasons, including an unusual start to the 1983 game at Manhattan when Mike Rozier caught the opening kickoff. He stepped into the end zone to down the ball for a safety to stake the Wildcats to a 2-0 lead.

Kansas State, directed by quarterback Stan Weber, gave Cornhusker fans a few anxious moments that day before succumbing to Nebraska's "Scoring Explosion" team, 51-25.

Two years later in Manhattan, Lee Moon said he wouldn't forget after the Cornhusker reserves scored on the final play of a 41-3 victory. Moon's utterance would be remembered most for its inaccuracy. That game initiated a four-game stretch in which Nebraska outscored the Wildcats by a combined 183-9.

Bill Snyder arrived to coach Kansas State in 1989. After losses of 58-7 and 45-8, he brought a measure of respectability to the series. The Nebraska football media guide wrote of the 1991 game in Lincoln: "The largest crowd ever to see the end of a Nebraska-Kansas State foot-

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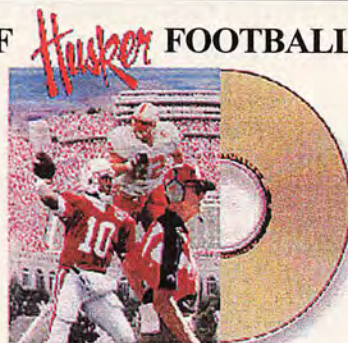
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All-American I-Back DeAngelo Evans Orally Commits

Most high school running backs might be hesitant to come to Nebraska, what with Ahman Green's play at I-back as a true freshman this season. But DeAngelo Evans isn't your ordinary high school running back, and he apparently doesn't back down from challenges.

The much-publicized Evans told The Associated Press the first week in October that he had made an oral commitment to accept a scholarship from Nebraska, settling on the Cornhuskers after considering Notre Dame and Penn State. "When you talk about places with great backs, you think of Nebraska," Evans told the AP.

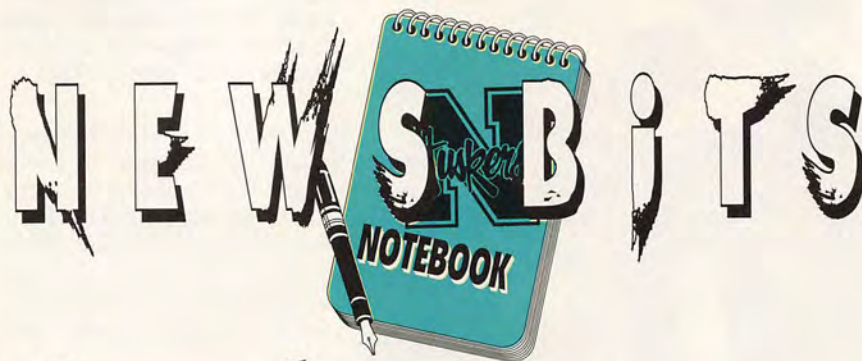
He said Nebraska's proximity to his home in Wichita, Kan., also was a factor in choosing the Cornhuskers.

The 5-foot-9, 205-pound Evans, who plays at Class 3-A Wichita Collegiate High, has been timed in the 40-yard dash at 4.32 seconds, which would make him the fastest I-back in Nebraska history.

He rushed for nearly 1,900 yards as a freshman, prompting immediate comparisons to Barry Sanders, a Heisman Trophy winner at Oklahoma State who now plays for the NFL's Detroit Lions. Sanders is also from Wichita.

At the time he made his announcement, Evans had career totals of 8,343 yards and 127 touchdowns. His commitment was the first to be reported by Nebraska's major newspapers, the *Omaha World-Herald* and *Lincoln Journal Star*. The *World-Herald* quoted Evans' high school coach, Mike Gehrer: "This is a dream come true for him. He's always wanted to be a Husker."

Oral commitments are non-binding. Evans still must sign a letter of intent with Nebraska in February to make his decision official. Nebraska coaches are prohibited from commenting about recruits until after letters of intent are signed. They cannot verify whether oral commitments have been made. ■



Southern Hospitality

So we're all in this Big 12 thing together . . . Not. At least not if some of the conference baseball coaches were to get their way.

The original plan, agreed to a year ago, was to require baseball teams to play full round-robin regular-season conference schedules. Teams would play three-game series against each of the other 10 conference teams.

In September, however, baseball coaches from the four Texas schools and two Oklahoma schools proposed that Big 12 baseball should have divisional alignments like football.

Texas, Texas A&M, Baylor, Texas Tech, Oklahoma State and Oklahoma would constitute a southern division, with Nebraska joining Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri and Iowa State in a five-team northern division. Colorado doesn't field a baseball team.

Under the divisional plan, southern teams would not be required to play northern teams until a postseason tournament, effectively creating two conferences. Such an arrangement would have a negative effect on the northern programs' recruiting and scheduling, among other things.

The *Omaha World-Herald* quoted Nebraska coach John Sanders (right) on a brief, but revealing, conversation he had regarding the matter with veteran Texas coach Cliff

Gustafson. "I told Cliff: 'You'd rather die a slow and agonizing death than play in Lincoln in April.' He basically agreed," Sanders said.

The issue won't be resolved until further study is completed. ■



Tom Novak's jersey No. 60 remains retired, as reported in the Sept. 23 issue of *Huskers Illustrated*: State of the Huskers, "Number Crunch." Nebraska's "Train Wreck" also wore jersey No. 68 during his storied career and, as evidenced by the photograph (right) with the story, jersey No. 61.

Novak wore No. 68 as a freshman and sophomore at Nebraska in 1946 and 1947. No Cornhusker wore No. 60 in either of those seasons.

The highest jersey number Nebraska assigned in 1946 was 73, and in 1947 the highest was 74.

Novak traded jersey No. 68 for No. 61 in 1948. The highest jersey number that season was 64. Charles Story, a back, wore the No. 60 that became Novak's in 1949 and is now retired. Del Wiegand, a back, was assigned No. 61 in 1949. The highest number in 1949 was 63.

The NCAA rules requiring players at particular positions to wear certain numbers — interior offensive linemen must wear numbers from 50 through 79, for example — didn't exist during Novak's time. ■



Academic Champions

After finishing with the second-highest grade-point average a year ago, the Nebraska women's gymnastics team posted the sport's top GPA in the nation in 1994-95.

The Husker women topped the NCAA All-Academic team with a cumulative team GPA of 3.561 on a 4.0 scale. Southern Utah, with a 3.48 average, finished second.

1995 NCAA All-Academic Team

Women's

Joy Taylor	4.0	Biological Sciences
Kim DeHaan	4.0	Biological Sciences
Kristi Camp	3.94	Health, PE & Recreation
Nicole Duval	3.91	Biological Sciences
Meghan Nicolini	3.54	Sports Psychology
Shelly Bartlett	3.88	Pre-Education

Men's

Ted Harris	4.0	Finance
Jason Christie	3.53	Electrical Engineering
Rick Kieffer	3.53	Mechanical Engineering

Two Husker women, Joy Taylor and Kim DeHaan, were among 26 female gymnasts who posted perfect 4.0 averages.

Kristi Camp (3.94), Nicole Duval (3.91), Shelly Bartlett (3.88) and Meghan Nicolini (3.54) earned recognition for posting 3.5 GPAs or better.

On the men's side, Rick Kieffer, an NCAA horizontal bar national champion, earned honors for the fourth-straight year. Kieffer and his teammates posted a 3.039 GPA to place 10th overall. Ted Harris posted a team-leading 4.0. Also earning honors was Jason Christie with a 3.53. ■

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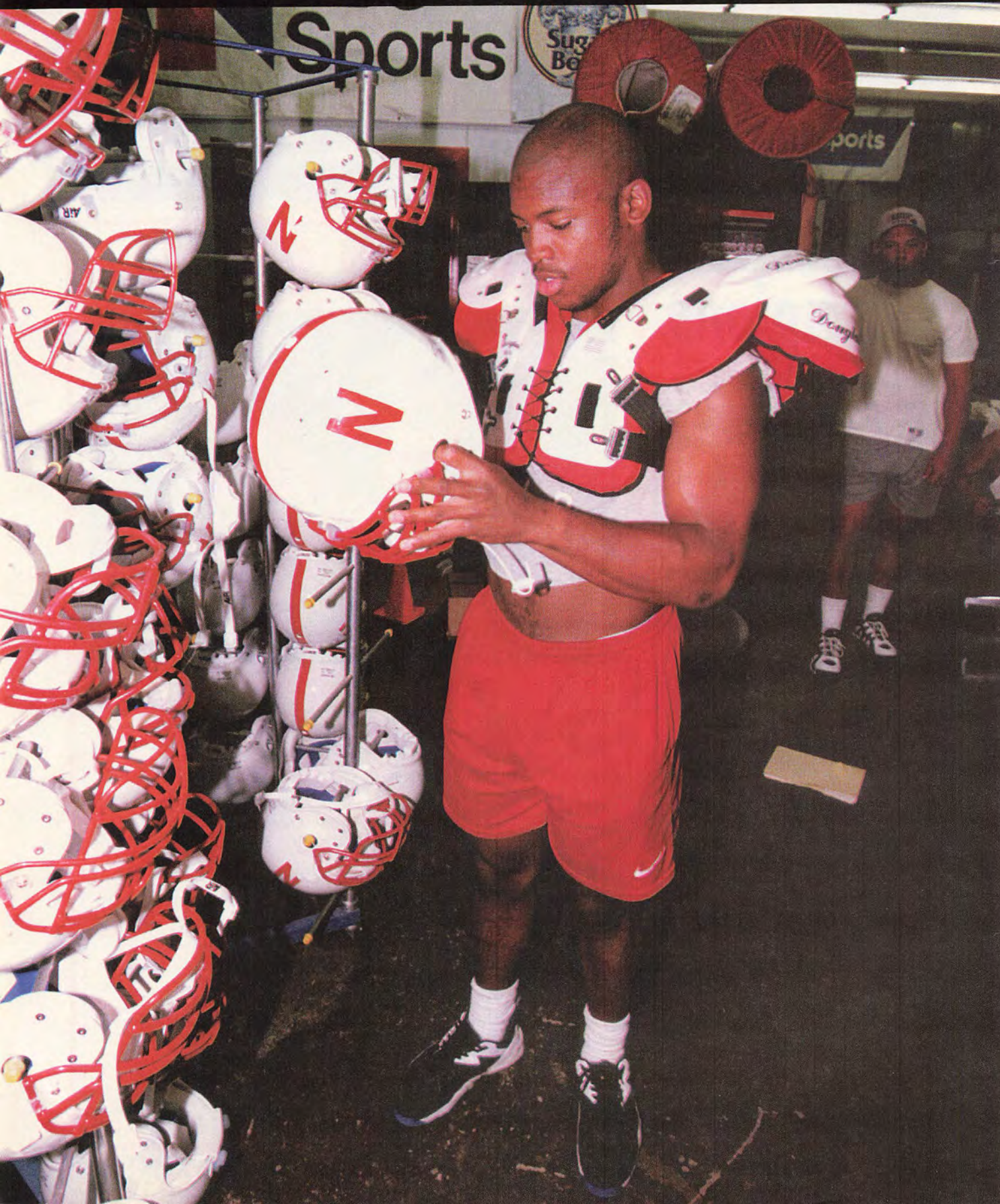
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"PRACTICE-WISE, I FEEL LIKE A VETERAN. I



BUT GAME-WISE, I'M STILL A FRESHMAN."

BORN TO RUN

As a true freshman, Ahman Green has begun to generate the same excitement another No. 30 once did in Lincoln

Ahman Green was born to run with a football. That ability runs in his family, you might say.

Actually, Green *did* say that after a recent Nebraska practice. His father was a running back, and his brothers were running backs. So it would stand to reason that he comes by his running skills naturally.

The toughness, however, he gets from his stepfather, who played offensive line, Green said. "That's where the sour part comes from. He told me all those lineman stories."

Green already has some running back stories to tell, and he's barely halfway through his freshman season at Nebraska. He gained 18 yards around the left end on his first collegiate carry late in the third quarter of the Cornhuskers' 64-21 victory at Oklahoma State. He scored his first touchdown on a 14-yard run two carries later.

The morning before the Oklahoma State game, which was televised to the nation by the ESPN cable network, Green was so nervous that he went to Frank Solich, his position coach, for some advice about what to do to relax.

"I think he just needed to get it off his chest," said

Solich, who told Green, "That's something all players go through."

Considering how extraordinary his performance has been, it might seem unlikely that Green would be affected by something as ordinary as freshman jitters. Normal rules don't apply.

After five games, Green led Nebraska in rushing, even though he had yet to start. He was averaging 10.3 yards per carry. He had rushed for 100 or more yards in three of the five games. And he needed only 63 yards to break the Cornhuskers' single-season rushing record by a true freshman, set by Monte Anthony in 1974.

Calvin Jones set Nebraska's freshman rushing record of 900 yards in 1991, after redshirting. Green is on pace to break that, as well.

Even so, he downplays his statistics, emphasizing his improvement instead. The confidence required of any athlete at his level isn't apparent in his words. He is as soft-spoken as his ball-carrying is brash.

"Every game, I'm picking up something new and getting a little tougher," he said before rushing for 176





Bob Berry

yards and a touchdown on 13 carries against Washington State.

Few recruits have warranted the respect Green received before arriving at Nebraska this fall. Even Solich and coach Tom Osborne talked of Green's exceptional ability, indicating well in advance of his arrival that he almost certainly wouldn't be redshirted.

They were familiar with his skills, not only from the recruiting process but also from his participation in Nebraska's Big Red summer camp. During testing at the camp before his senior year in high school, Green posted scores that would have broken Nebraska's I-back position records.

"When he comes out of his junior year of high school and tests better than 90 percent of our guys, you've got to figure he's a pretty good talent," Osborne said.

Green ran the 40-yard dash in 4.36 seconds, faster than any running back in Cornhusker history. During Nebraska's preseason testing in August, Green ran the 40 only

slightly slower, 4.47. His 2,997 points on the performance index were the second-most ever by a player at any position. Only Curtis Cotton scored higher.

"There has never been a freshman compare to Ahman's test scores," said Boyd Epley, Nebraska's director of athletic performance. "His test scores were phenomenal."

Green earned All-America honors from *Parade Magazine* and *USA Today* as a senior at Omaha Central High School after rushing for 1,591 yards and 14 touchdowns. He followed in a long line of outstanding Central running backs, among them Gale Sayers, Joe Orduna, Leodis Flowers, Keith Jones and Calvin Jones. "Central is a running backs high school," Green said.

He played his sophomore year at Omaha North, rushing for 210 yards in the final game of the season against Ralston to finish with 1,017. Then he transferred to Central, where he rushed for 1,202 yards as a junior in a backfield that included another 1,000-yard rusher, Damion

Ahman Green (30) is on pace to break Calvin Jones' freshman rushing record of 900 yards.

Morrow.

Green was born in Omaha, but he grew up in Los Angeles. He returned to Omaha before his freshman year in high school to live with his mother.

He grew from 160 to 190 pounds between his sophomore and junior years in high school, and "my speed stayed with me," Green said. He won all-class gold medals in the 100 meters and 200 meters and anchored the gold medal-winning 400-meter relay at the state high school track and field meet. He was chosen by the *Omaha World-Herald* as the Nebraska High School Boy Athlete of the Year in the spring of 1995.

He also was an honor roll student, which enhanced his appeal to recruiters, if that were possible. He was interested, originally, in a warm-weather school, meaning Nebraska wasn't on his "A" list at first.

The Cornhuskers were on his final list, however, as were Michigan, Notre Dame, Arizona and Penn State, the schools he visited. He settled on Nebraska before visiting. "We thought he was the best running back in the country," Osborne said.

Green had the ability to play immediately. I-back is one of the few positions where talent can carry an inexperienced player. The only question was whether he had the confidence and maturity, according to Osborne. Tommie Frazier had such maturity. So did Will Shields. Both played as true freshmen.

Green spent the better part of a month during the summer in Lincoln, practicing with his teammates-to-be in Nebraska's unsuper-

through would-be tacklers, to get yards after contact. He does much of that by running low, Osborne said.

That's instinctive, Green said. "For me, running low gives you an advantage because you're already in a hitting position. If you run high, you could get the wind knocked out of you or get your ribs broken.

"With the explosion in your legs, if you're lower than the tackler, you're going to win that battle."

Green has won more battles than he's lost. Whenever he's sent into a game, the anticipation of Cornhusker fans is undisguised. He generates the kind of excitement with which Heisman Trophy winner

Mike Rozier was greeted. Like Rozier, he wears jersey No. 30, though he would have preferred No. 34.

The fans have come to expect efforts such as the one against Washington State. After his first three carries, he had 114 yards.

Green has learned to take such things in stride. Major college success was being forecast for him when he was a junior in high school.

He handles interviews with as much skill as he handles defenders. "Practice-wise, I feel like a veteran. But game-wise, I'm still a freshman," he said. "Practice-wise, I feel like I've been here forever." ■

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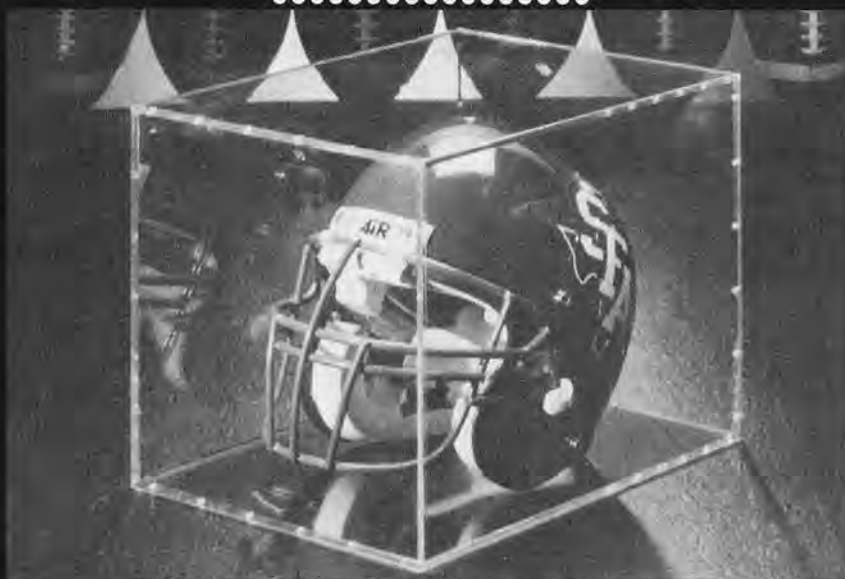
vised passing league and working on his conditioning and strength. Solich "told me to work hard and good things would happen. Hard work is the key to everything in life, so that's what I did," Green said.

He also worked hard during two-a-day practices. "I didn't worry about playing. I just wanted to learn the plays well, which I did," he said. "I try to take things as they happen."

The final scrimmage during pre-season practice was "somewhat of a turning point" for Green, according to Solich. Even though he's a freshman, "he's a proven player in our eyes," Solich said after the Oklahoma State game. "He turned the page himself."

The 6-foot-1, 210-pound Green has shown a unique ability to run

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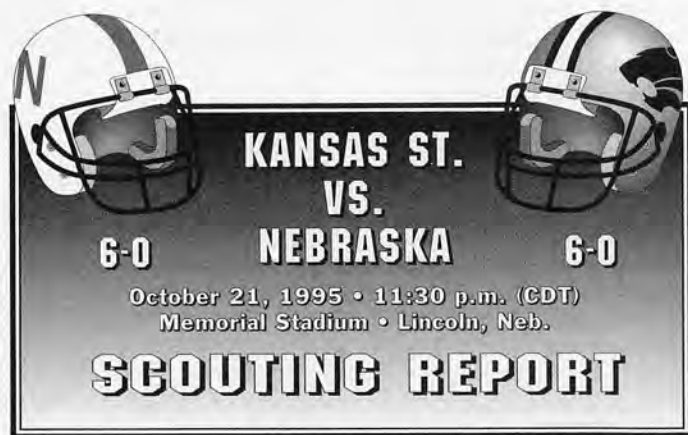
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Wildcats Aren't Sneaking Up On Huskers Or Nation

By Mark Derowitsch

According to the national college polls, Kansas State and Kansas are highly ranked. Must be basketball season.

Wrong.

While most of the nation was busy watching the traditional college football powers such as Florida State, Nebraska and Notre Dame, the two schools from Kansas managed to sneak into the top 10 in both major polls. It was the first time Kansas State achieved such a lofty rating.

The Wildcats aren't sneaking up on people anymore. After opening the year with six straight victories, Kansas State has proved they are no longer the doormat of the nation, or even the Big Eight Conference for that matter.

So far, Kansas State is getting things done with its defense.

After posting three shutouts — against Akron, Northern Illinois and Missouri — the Wildcats are holding their opponents to just 5.6 points and 185.2 yards per game.

Granted, the Wildcats haven't exactly played the toughest schedule in the world. But Kansas State will

get a shot to prove it's for real when the Wildcats travel to Lincoln to play second-ranked Nebraska at Memorial Stadium in a game that will be televised by ABC.

So far, however, Kansas State coach Bill Snyder likes what he sees from his defense.

"They're playing well," he said. "I think we're about where we'd like to be. I think there are still some

unanswered questions, but I thought Saturday's ballgame (against Missouri) was indicative of how far we've come defensively. I think across the board, we've played well."

Kansas State's defense is highlighted by linebacker Percell Gaskins, a 6-foot-1, 227-pound senior who may be one of the best athletes in the Big Eight.

Gaskins, who won the high jump with a leap of 7 feet, 5 1/4 inches at the 1993 NCAA Indoor Track and Field

Championships, leads the Wildcats in tackles with 41. Gaskins has recorded five tackles for loss and has recovered a fumble in only five games this season.

DeShawn Fogle, a junior, and red-



Bill Snyder's squad has posted three shutouts this season.

PRESS PICKS



• **Mike Babcock, Huskers Illustrated:** The 24 points for Nebraska might seem modest, but Kansas State does

have a veteran defense. The score could be more lopsided, but the Wildcats have given Nebraska some uncomfortable moments in recent seasons. This year might not be any different.

Nebraska 24, Kansas State 10.

• **Jim Rose, SportsDay Mid America:** The last time I saw a Wildcat near Manhattan, Kan., that looked this real, it was stuffed. The 1995 'Cats are pretty good, but so far, they haven't beaten anybody who's higher on the food chain than they are.

Nebraska 42, Kansas State 17.

• **Kent Pavelka, Nebraska Sports Network:** It's been awhile since the Huskers have played a so-called big game. That will serve Nebraska well. The focus this week (and next) will be extra special. Plus, Kansas State will pay for a very accommodating schedule thus far.

Nebraska 38, Kansas State 10.

• **Doug Looney, college football freelance writer:** It even sounds funny to say there's interest in a game involving Kansas State. Kansas State thinks it has a lot better team than it really does. Kansas State is where it is because of an incredibly weak schedule. I don't think it will be very close.

Nebraska 42, Kansas State 12.

• **Mark Janssen, The Manhattan Mercury:** Defensively, Kansas State is awful nasty. They're going to have to set up points for the Kansas State offense if an upset is to happen over the Cornhuskers.

Nebraska 27, Kansas State 13.

shirt freshman Travis Ochs are the Wildcats' other linebackers and have played well also. Fogle has been in on 38 tackles while Ochs has made 26.

Up front, Kansas State is led by defensive end Dirk Ochs, a 250-pound senior and older brother of Travis.

After five games, the eldest Ochs had seven sacks and three other tackles for loss as he created havoc in opponents' backfield.

Nyle Wiren, a 245-pound junior, lines up at the other end position for the Wildcats.

At tackle, 275-pound senior Tim Colston and 280-pounder Ray Eagle see plenty of playing time.

If teams are going to throw on Kansas State, you can bet they're going to stay away from cornerback Chris Canty, a sophomore who picked off four passes in the first five games of the year.

Junior Joe Gordon plays the other

corner spot, and Mario Smith and Chuck Marlowe start in the middle of the Wildcat secondary. Gordon has broken up nine passes already this year while Smith and Marlowe have both batted down four.

Don't start thinking that Kansas State is just a defensive team. The Wildcats can also move the ball — they're averaging 446 yards of offense and 227.8 yards passing each game.

Quarterback Matt Miller, a senior, makes the show go for the Wildcats. Miller is completing 64.3 percent of his passes and is throwing for an average of 186 yards per contest. He has thrown 11 touchdown passes and seven interceptions.

When Miller goes to the air, his favorite target is wide receiver Kevin Lockett, who had 24 receptions and seven touchdowns after five games. He averaged 72.4 yards each game.

Lockett's backup, Tyson Schwieger had 22 catches for 252 yards after five games. The other starting wide-out, Mitch Running, had 21 catches.

Back-up running back Eric Hickson leads the team in rushing with 400 yards, and starter Mike Lawrence has chipped in 358 and Miller averaged 33.6 yards on the ground.

Miller's got a big line to keep him safe. Freshman right guard Jeremy Martin and left tackle Chris Oltmanns both weigh 300 pounds, right tackle Scott Heun and left



Tyson Schwieger (7) and Kevin Lockett have helped make Kansas State one of the more deadly passing teams in the conference and nation.

guard Kendyl Jacox both weigh 295, and center Jason Johnson is a slim 270.

Since taking the program over in 1989, Snyder — the CNN National Coach of the Year in 1994 — has a 36-31-1 record. But in the past two years, Kansas State is 18-5-1 and 9-4-1 in the Big Eight.

Kansas State is 10-67-2 lifetime against Nebraska, and the last time the Wildcats got the best of the Huskers was back in 1968.

Last year, KSU came close to beating Nebraska in Manhattan, but NU pulled out a 17-6 victory. ■

1995 KANSAS STATE FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Record (Overall/Conf.) — 6-0 (2-0)

Sept. 2	Temple	W, 34-7
Sept. 9	@ Cincinnati	W, 23-21
Sept. 23	Akron	W, 67-0
Sept. 30	N. Illinois	W, 44-0
Oct. 7	Missouri	W, 30-0
Oct. 14	@ Okla. St.	W, 23-17
Oct. 21	@ Nebraska	
Oct. 28	Kansas	
Nov. 4	Oklahoma	
Nov. 11	@ Iowa St.	
Nov. 18	Colorado	

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HUSKER OFFENSE

SE	7	Reggie Baul	5-8	170	Sr
	5	Brendan Holbein	5-9	190	Jr
LT	75	Chris Dishman	6-3	310	Jr
	78	Kory Mikos	6-5	285	Jr
LG	67	Aaron Taylor	6-1	305	So
	68	Steve Vollin	6-2	290	Sr
C	54	Aaron Graham	6-4	285	Sr
	53	Matt Vrzal	6-1	300	Jr
RG	69	Steve Ott	6-4	290	Sr
	64	Jon Zatechka	6-2	280	So
RT	70	Eric Anderson	6-4	300	So
	77	Adam Treu	6-6	295	Jr
TE	87	Mark Gilman	6-4	240	Sr
	90	Tim Carpenter	6-2	240	So
QB	15	Tommie Frazier	6-2	210	Sr
	18	Brook Berringer	6-4	220	Sr
FB	22	Jeff Makovicka	5-11	225	Sr
	28	Brian Schuster	5-11	225	Jr
IB	30	Ahman Green	6-0	210	Fr
	21	Damon Benning	5-11	205	Jr
WB	33	Clester Johnson	5-11	210	Sr
	25	Jon Vedral	5-11	200	Jr
PK	35	Kris Brown	5-11	190	Fr

WILDCAT DEFENSE

DE	44	Nyle Wiren	6-1	245	Jr
	34	Matt McEwen	6-2	240	Sr
DT	92	Tim Colston	6-1	275	Sr
	90	Richard Bush	6-4	260	Sr
DT	98	Ray Eagle	6-4	280	Sr
	99	Andrew Timmons	6-3	275	Jr
DE	94	Dirk Ochs	6-4	250	Sr
	45	Thad Swazer	6-4	250	Jr
LB	50	Travis Ochs	6-3	220	Fr
	46	Joe Bob Clements	6-3	225	Fr
LB	8	DeShawn Fogle	6-2	235	Jr
	55	David Damon	6-0	215	Fr
LB	9	Percell Gaskins	6-1	227	Sr
	56	Jabbar Williams	6-3	230	Jr
CB	2	Chris Canty	5-10	190	So
	32	Dereck King	5-10	190	Fr
SS	21	Chuck Marlowe	6-1	190	Sr
	28	Steve Hanks	6-0	205	Sr
FS	4	Mario Smith	6-0	185	Jr
	5	David Conley	6-2	195	Fr
CB	1	Joe Gordon	5-9	175	Jr
	40	Clyde Johnson	5-10	200	Jr
P	16	James Garcia	6-2	180	Fr

WILDCAT OFFENSE

WR	83	Kevin Lockett	6-0	175	Jr
	7	Tyson Schwieger	5-10	185	Sr
LT	63	Chris Oltmanns	6-6	300	Sr
	58	Todd Weiner	6-5	260	So
LG	74	Kendyl Jacox	6-2	295	So
	79	Ross Greenwood	6-3	300	Jr
C	64	Jason Johnson	6-3	270	Jr
	73	Toosivili Ulutu	6-3	300	Jr
RG	78	Jeremy Martin	6-3	300	Fr
	68	Brian O'Neil	6-3	275	Jr
RT	71	Scott Heun	6-4	295	Sr
	76	Ryan Young	6-6	320	Fr
TE	80	Brian Ljoka	6-7	260	Sr
	48	Brian Latiolais	6-5	255	Sr
QB	6	Matt Miller	6-1	205	Sr
	12	Brian Kavanaugh	6-3	220	Jr
RB	24	Eric Hickson	5-10	190	So
	20	Mike Lawrence	5-10	190	So
FB	36	Dederick Kelly	5-11	220	Sr
	30	Brian Goolsby	6-3	235	Fr
WR	89	Mitch Running	6-0	185	Sr
	25	Andre Anderson	5-10	190	So
PK	39	Martin Gramatica	5-9	160	So

HUSKER DEFENSE

OLB	93	Jared Tomich	6-2	250	Jr
	58	Luther Hardin	6-2	245	Sr
DT	55	Christian Peter	6-3	300	Sr
	74	Scott Saltsman	6-2	260	Jr
DT	95	Jason Peter	6-4	275	So
	96	Jason Jenkins	6-5	280	Sr
OLB	98	Grant Wistrom	6-5	240	So
	57	Chad Kelsay	6-3	230	Fr
SLB	56	Jay Foreman	6-1	220	Fr
	28#	Jamel Williams	6-2	200	Jr
MLB	46	Doug Colman	6-3	245	Sr
	44	Jon Hesse	6-4	245	Jr
WLB	91	Ryan Terwilliger	6-5	225	Jr
	43	Terrell Farley	6-0	200	Jr
LC	20	Michael Booker	6-2	190	Jr
	12	Mike Fullman	5-7	160	Jr
ROV	10	Mike Minter	5-10	190	Jr
	4	Octavius McFarlin	5-11	190	So
FS	9	Tony Veland	6-2	205	Sr
	16	Eric Stokes	5-11	180	Jr
RC	8	Tyrone Williams	6-0	185	Sr
	2	Leslie Dennis	5-8	165	So
P	19	Jesse Kosch	6-0	180	So

Depth charts were compiled Oct. 15, 1995 # = duplicate number * = injured, but probable for game

The Hits Keep On Coming In Husker Shutout, 57-0

A desperate Missouri football team came to Memorial Stadium last Saturday to absorb a 57-0 loss to Nebraska. Or so it seemed.

You be the judge.

The Tigers' travel roster included Corby Jones, a prize freshman quarterback from Columbia, Mo., who had been redshirted for five games.

Midway through the first quarter, Missouri coach Larry Smith sent Jones into the game. Jones, an option quarterback, gained 5 yards on his first carry, 4 yards on his second carry, 2 yards on his third carry and 1 yard on his fourth carry. He finished the game with 7 yards net rushing.

Afterward, Jones was asked what he learned from his first experience playing at the major college level. "How to take a hit," he said.

That was it in a nutshell.

Jones and his teammates took plenty of hits as Nebraska posted its first shutout since August 1994. The Cornhuskers also held Missouri to 122 total yards, easily the lowest total by an opponent this season. The previous low was 197 yards by Pacific.

"We talk about a shutout every week, and that was our main focus," Nebraska weak-side linebacker Ryan Terwilliger said. "We don't talk much about total yards, but holding them to that much was really sweet."

Brock Olivo, Missouri's sophomore tailback, went into the game as the fourth-leading rusher in the Big Eight, averaging 101.8 yards per game. He gained 10 yards on 11 carries.

His performance was Missouri's in miniature. The Tigers had 39 rushes for a net gain of 39 yards. They were only slightly more efficient throwing the ball, completing 9-of-24 for 83 yards, with two interceptions.

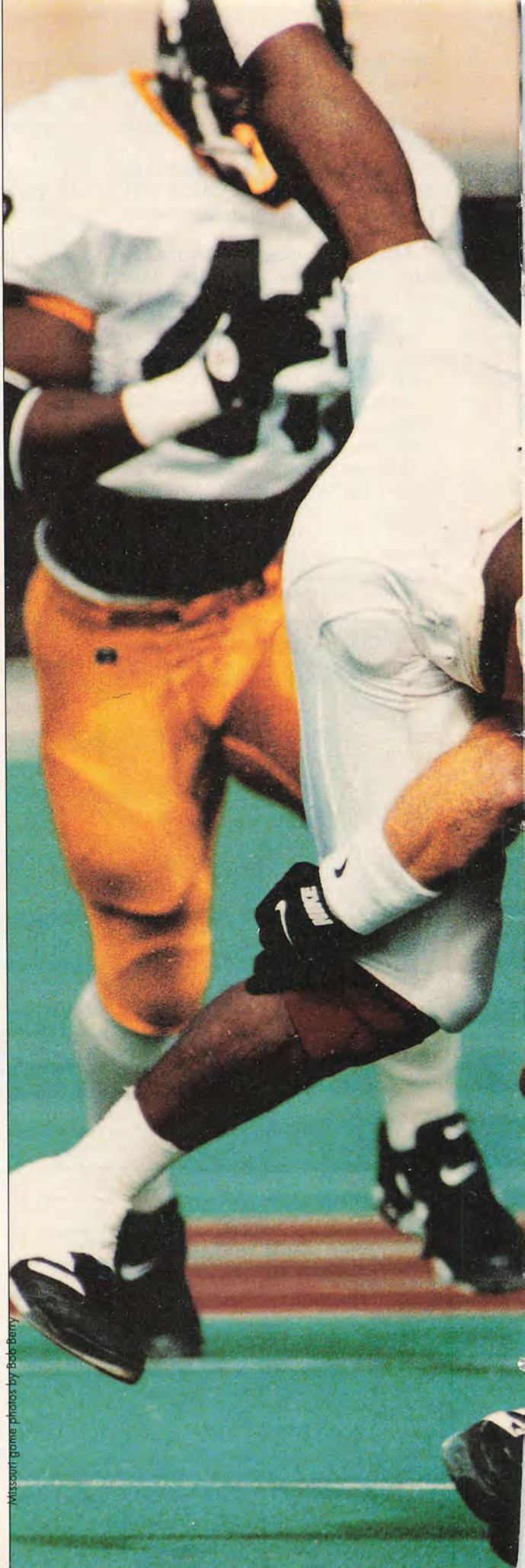
Missouri went into the game ranked last in the Big Eight and 87th nationally in total offense. Hoping to correct that, Smith vowed to change his offense during closed practices.

Nebraska expected the Tigers to run more options after Smith indicated that Jones would make the trip. Because of the secrecy surrounding Missouri's preparations, "we were kind of antsy. We were curious to see how they would come out," said Cornhusker outside linebacker Jared Tomich.

Freshman Kent Skornia started at quarterback for Missouri, replacing junior Brandon Corso, who had started the first five games. A pattern emerged as the game went on, Nebraska defen-

Nebraska and I-back Ahman Green, in his first collegiate start, kept Missouri off balance even though the Huskers rushed for a season-low 342 yards.

By MIKE BABCOCK



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sive coordinator Charlie McBride said.

When the Tigers were going into a strong wind out of the north, they tended to run more with Jones. And when they had the wind at their backs, they were more likely to throw. "We just adjusted with their two quarterbacks," said McBride. Actually, there were three. Corso also played.

Nebraska's defense was the most opportunistic it has been this season, producing four turnovers and blocking a punt out of the end zone for a

Tommie Frazier shredded the Missouri defense, throwing a pair of touchdowns and rushing for three more.

safety. Tomich and linebacker Doug Colman recovered fumbles. Tony Veland and Darren Schmadeke intercepted passes, Schmadeke's coming at the Nebraska goal line with just over two minutes left in the game to preserve the shutout.

Terrell Farley blocked the punt out of the end zone with 9:42 remaining in the third quarter. "I've

been waiting," he said. "I've never had a chance to lay out for one."

A key to blocking a punt is to get a good angle, according to Farley, a transfer from Independence (Kan.) Community College. "A perfect angle," he said. In addition, "you've got to extend your hands. Otherwise, you'll get kicked in the stomach."

"I got hit in the arm."

After he blocked the punt, "I was crawling, trying to get up" and recover the ball for a touchdown.

Nebraska's offense produced enough of those. Quarterback Tommie Frazier was responsible for five of the Cornhuskers' eight, three running and two passing. Frazier now has a school career record for combined touchdowns running (31) and passing (33).

The previous record, 62, was held by Steve Taylor.

Frazier scored the game's first touchdown on a 29-yard run with 7:08 remaining in the first quarter. He scored the second and third touchdowns from 1 yard out in the second quarter, then capped the half with a 29-yard touchdown pass to Brendan Holbein.

The ball was thrown to Jon Vedral. But it was deflected into the hands of Holbein, who was beyond Vedral in the end zone. Time had elapsed.

"That's not the way we practice it, but I'll take it," said Frazier, who also threw a 6-yard touchdown pass to redshirted freshman tight end Sheldon Jackson with 4:04 remaining in the third quarter.

Ahman Green, Matt Turman and Damon Benning scored the other touchdowns, on runs of 9 yards, 1 yard and 16 yards, respectively.

Green, a true freshman I-back from Omaha Central, started for the first time as a collegian and responded by gaining 90 yards on 15 carries.

"He had some strong runs," assistant head coach and running backs coach Frank Solich said. "I thought he did exceptionally well."

Green admitted he had a case of jitters because of his first start. He fumbled his first carry out of bounds after gaining 2 yards.

"It was good to see him come back from that," said Solich.

Green didn't have to wait for a second chance. He got the ball on the next play and picked up 14 yards.

On a 14-yard run in the second quarter, he broke four tackles before finally going down. "Ahman had some strong runs," Solich said.

So did Frazier, who finished with 71 yards rushing and 133 yards passing, on 7-of-14 completions. Even though he completed 50 percent, he wasn't satisfied with his passing.

"Our passing game is not where it needs to be," said Frazier. "It's just concentration. We're going to be better in the passing game."

Gusting winds out of the north made passing difficult, according to Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne.

"People often wonder why we don't open up and throw the ball 40 times a game and have that kind of

offense. Well, if you think about it, we've had two or three games already with 30-, 35-, 40-mile-per-hour winds. You can throw short passes," he said.

But long passes are affected significantly. "It was kind of a hard day to throw, so I think you have to have a strong running game first."

And the Cornhuskers had that, even though they finished with a season-low 342 rushing yards. That total was misleading, Solich said. Because of the field position provided by the defense, they often didn't

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have far to go.

In addition, Missouri's defense probably ranks among the top three or four in the Big Eight, Osborne said. It's the strongest part of Smith's second team. "I think the problem their defense had was, it was simply

out there too long. Eventually, you're going to crack them, and we did."

Smith offered the same explanation. "Our defense played well. We just got beat down," he said.

The two freshmen, Missouri's

No matter what offense Missouri attempted to work out of, the Nebraska defense was always there to shut it down.

Jones and Nebraska's Green, provided a contrast that characterized the game.

Jones was asked how he thought he had played. "Apparently, I didn't do too great," he said. "We didn't put any points on the board."

Green said he noticed a difference between starting and coming off the bench. The defense is fresher and hits a little harder.

"The Tigers played real tough. But as the third quarter rolled around, we started to wear them out," said Green, who has rushed for 615 yards, a Nebraska record for a true freshman.

He never imagined he would be starting by the sixth game of his freshman season, Green said.

His stepfather, Edward Scott, predicted that he would. "I didn't believe him," said Green.

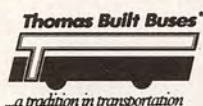
Scott didn't say by the sixth game. He said by mid-season, but that's close enough. "I'm starting to believe him," Green said. "He's kind of a fortune-teller."

Scott apparently has predicted other things for Green this season, but the freshman I-back wouldn't share them with reporters. "I can't really say," he said. "I don't believe it."

Green smiled. There were no smiles from MU's locker room. ■

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SCORE BY QUARTERS

TEAM	1	2	3	4	Final
NEBRASKA	7	21	22	7	57
MISSOURI	0	0	0	0	0

TEAM STATS

	MU	NU
First Downs	9	21
Rushing	4	17
Passing	5	4
Penalty	0	0
Rushing Attempts	39	51
Yards Gained Rushing	84	354
Yards Lost Rushing	45	12
Net yards rushing	39	342
Net yards passing	83	133
Passes attempted	24	15
Passes completed	9	7
Had intercepted	2	0
Total plays	63	66
Total net yards	122	475
Avg. gain per play	1.9	7.2
Fumbles-lost	5-2	6-0
Penalties-yards	5-24	5-36
Punts-yards	11-380	5-167
Avg. per punt	34.5	33.4
Possession time	35:16	24:44

DEFENSIVE LEADERS

NEBRASKA						
Player	Solo	Asst	TT	Sacks	Int.	
Colman, D.	4	4	8	0	0	
Peter, C.	0	6	6	0	0	
Terwilliger, R.	3	3	6	0	0	
Foreman, J.	1	4	5	0	0	
Farley, T.	3	2	5	0	0	
Hesse, J.	2	2	4	0	0	
Wistrom, G.	1	2	3	0	0	
Veland, T.	1	2	3	0	1	
Williams, J.	3	0	3	0	0	
Peter, J.	0	2	2	0	0	
Rucker, M.	1	1	2	0	0	
Penland, A.	1	1	2	0	0	
Fullman, M.	2	0	2	0	0	
Hardin, L.	1	1	2	1	0	
Kelsay, C.	1	1	2	2	0	
Stokes, E.	1	0	1	0	1	
MISSOURI						
Player	Solo	Asst	TT	Sacks	Int.	
Cross, D.	6	5	11	0	0	
Chatman, D.	5	4	9	0	0	
Martin, S.	2	5	7	0	0	
Baker, C.	1	5	6	0	0	

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

RUSHING NEBRASKA

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Green, A.	15	90	6.0	16	1
Frazier, T.	8	71	8.8	29	3
Benning, D.	8	37	4.6	16	1
Washington, R.	2	35	17.5	40	0
Makovicka, Jeff	5	33	6.6	17	0
Sims, J.	2	29	14.5	21	0
Schuster, B.	2	24	12.0	22	0
Childs, C.	6	22	3.6	13	0
Turman, M.	3	1	0.3	1	1

MISSOURI

Player	Att	Yds	Avg	Long	TD
Blackwell, E.	6	20	3.3	4	0

PASSING NEBRASKA

Player	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD
Frazier, T.	14-7-0	133	2
Turman, M.	1-0-0	0	0

MISSOURI

Player	Att-Cmp-Int	Yds	TD
Corso, B.	12-6-0	59	0
Skornia, K.	10-3-1	24	0
Jones, C.	2-0-1	0	0

RECEIVING NEBRASKA

Player	Rec	Yds	APC	Lng	TD
Gilman, M.	2	57	28.5	33	0
Vedral, J.	1	36	36.0	36	0
Holbein, B.	1	29	29.0	29	1
Childs, C.	1	9	9.0	9	0
Jackson, S.	1	6	6.0	6	1
Green, A.	1	-4	-4.0	0	0

MISSOURI

Player	Rec	Yds	APC	Lng	TD
Lingerfelt, B.	3	29	9.6	14	0
Jones, F.	3	25	8.3	11	0
Gonzales, M.	1	15	15.0	15	0
Young, M.	1	10	10.0	10	0
Brooks, E.	1	4	4.0	4	0

PUNT/KICKOFF RETURNS NEBRASKA

Player	Att	Yds	Lng	TD
Benning, D.	1	21	21	0
Fullman, M.	7	61	22	0
Farley, T.	1	5	5	0
McFarlin, O.	1	9	9	0
Baul, R.	1	5	5	0

MISSOURI

Player	Att	Yds	Lng	TD
West, D.	3	38	20	0

1995 SEASON STATS (6 GAMES)

RUSHING

Name	G	Att.	Yds.	YPG	Tds.
Green, A.	6	66	615	102.5	8
Phillips, L.	2	34	359	179.5	7
Benning, D.	4	46	335	83.8	4
Frazier, T.	6	50	332	55.3	9
Childs, C.	3	26	248	82.6	2
Makovicka, Jeff	6	35	247	41.2	1
Sims, J.	6	24	242	40.3	3
Schuster, B.	6	17	154	25.6	0
Makovicka, Joel	5	14	94	18.8	0
Berringer, B.	5	13	55	11.0	0
Turman, M.	6	13	35	5.8	1

PASSING

Name	G	A-C-I	Pct.	Yds.	Tds.
Frazier, T.	6	69-36-2	.522	641	7
Berringer, B.	5	43-22-0	.511	210	0
Turman, M.	6	11-4-2	.363	73	1

RECEIVING

Name	G	No.	Yds.	YPC	YPG	Tds.
Baul, R.	6	7	206	22.9	34.3	1
Johnson, C.	6	11	200	18.2	33.3	1
Gilman, M.	5	11	175	15.9	35.0	1
Vedral, J.	6	7	127	18.1	21.2	2
Holbein, B.	5	9	92	10.2	18.4	1
Cheatham, K.	5	4	31	7.8	6.2	0
Jackson, S.	4	2	21	10.5	5.3	1
Childs, C.	3	2	19	9.5	6.3	0
Washington, R.	2	2	13	6.5	6.5	0
Phillips, L.	2	1	7	7.0	3.5	0
Lake, J.	3	1	7	7.0	2.3	0

DEFENSE

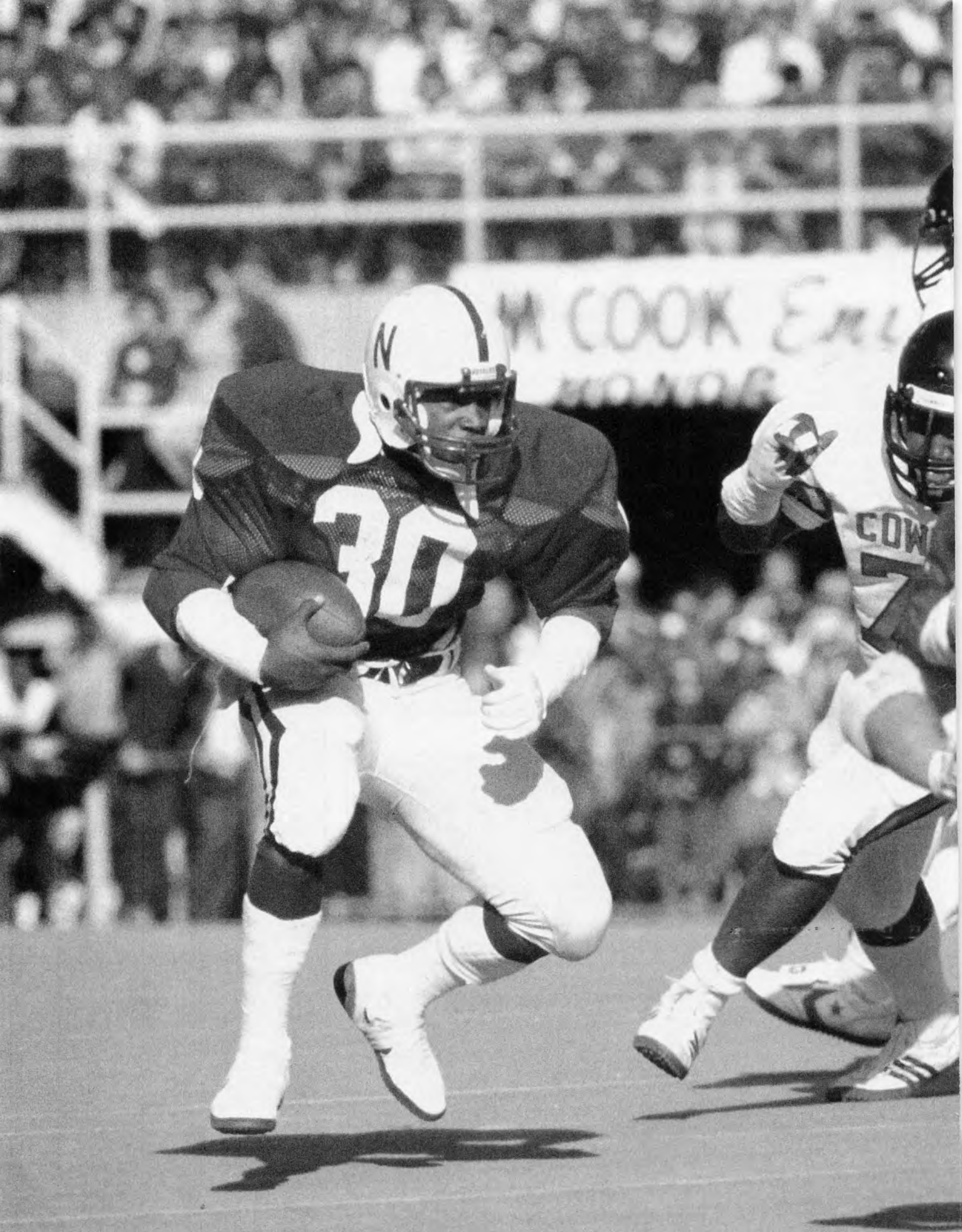
Name	G	UT	AT	TT	Int.	Sacks
Terwilliger, R.	6	17	11	28	0	0
Minter, M.	6	17	10	27	1	0
Farley, T.	6	13	12	25	2	3
Peter, C.	6	7	17	24	0	1
Colman, D.	6	12	11	23	0	0
Hesse, J.	6	10	13	23	0	0
Ellis, P.	4	9	11	20	0	2
Wistrom, G.	6	7	12	19	0	1
Foreman, J.	6	6	13	19	0	0
Veland, T.	6	9	9	18	1	0
Booker, M.	6	11	4	15	1	0
Tomich, J.	6	9	5	14	0	4
Penland, A.	6	5	9	14	0	0
Saltsman, S.	6	5	8	13	0	1
Kelsay, C.	6	7	6	13	0	2
Williams, J.	6	8	5	13	0	1
Peter, J.	6	4	8	12	0	0
Stokes, E.	6	6	6	12	0	0
Williams, T.	6	10	2	12	0	0
McFarlin, O.	6	6	5	11	0	0
Warfield, E.	6	3	6	9	0	0
Rucker, M.	5	2	7	9	0	0
Arnold, L.	4	1	5	6	0	0

TEAM STATISTICS

Total Offensive Yards	3,756		1,747		
Net Rushing Yards	2,798		531		
Passing Yards	958		1,216		
Scoring	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	TOT
NU	79	123	74	56	332
Opponents	21	21	24	21	87

1995 NEBRASKA FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Record (Conference)	— 6-0 (2-0)
Aug. 31	@ Oklahoma St. W, 64-21
Sept. 9	@ Michigan St. W, 50-10
Sept. 16	Arizona St. W, 77-28
Sept. 23	Pacific W, 49-7
Sept. 30	Washington St. W, 35-21
Oct. 14	Missouri W, 57-0
Oct. 21	Kansas St.
Oct. 28	@ Colorado
Nov. 4	Iowa St.
Nov. 11	@ Kansas
Nov. 25	Oklahoma





Michael Heisman

Fast and strong, Mike Rozier had the instincts that set great running backs apart. But what made him special was his durability, willingness to play when others wouldn't — and a Heisman Trophy

Editor's Note — This is the seventh of an 11-part series featuring the best Nebraska running backs of the modern era. Next week we'll profile Keith Jones.

Mike Rozier sat on the artificial turf at Memorial Stadium after being tackled for a 3-yard loss. Less than three minutes remained in the third quarter of Nebraska's 48-10 win against Oklahoma State in 1982.

The Cornhuskers' lead was 35-7. Rozier was suffering from a sore wrist, a hip-pointer and cramps in both legs. He had to be helped to the sideline by trainers George Sullivan and Jerry Weber. As he limped off the field, the crowd stood and applauded.

Some three minutes later, however, Rozier returned, at the urging of teammates Roger Craig and Irving Fryar. They had pointed out to running backs coach Mike Corgan that his day's work wasn't quite finished. He rushed for 195 yards, but needed at least 20 more to break Nebraska's 32-year-old, single-season record.

Bobby Reynolds had established the record at 1,342 yards during his sophomore season in 1950. Rozier, a junior I-back was at 1,323.

Ordinarily, Corgan wouldn't have allowed Rozier to return to the game. But he made an exception in this case and relented. Nebraska's next game was on the road, and he wanted to give Rozier a chance to break the record at home. And he wanted to give Rozier a chance to break the record in nine games, the same number Reynolds played in setting the record.

Rozier took a pitch and gained 4 yards, then went off tackle for 13 yards. In the huddle, someone pointed out that he needed only 3 more yards to break Reynolds' record. He gained 2 yards to tie the mark.

The next play was a counter sweep, on which he was to follow guard Mike Mandelko and tackle Randy Theiss, pulling left to right. Quarterback Nate Mason handed him the ball. One Cowboy defender had a clear shot but missed. Another got a hand on one of his shoulders but couldn't hold it.

Rozier continued running until he reached the end zone, a 37-yard gain

top 10 Running Backs In The Modern Era

Bobby Reynolds.....	1950-52
Harry Wilson	1964-66
Jeff Kinney	1969-71
I.M. Hipp	1977-79
Jarvis Redwine	1979-80
Mike Rozier	1981-83
Keith Jones	1984-87
Ken Clark	1987-89
Derek Brown	1990-92
Calvin Jones	1991-93

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worth six points as well as the record. The carry was his 33rd of the game. "I was tired," he told reporters.

He left the field with 251 rushing yards, just four short of the Cornhuskers' single-game record at the time, held by Rick Berns. Fryar pointed that out to Corgan. "One record a day is enough," Corgan said.

Rozier increased his rushing record to 1,689 yards by season's end, then shattered it as a senior, gaining 2,148 yards. Only one other major college running back had rushed for 2,000 or more yards in a season then: Marcus Allen, the 1981 Heisman Trophy winner from Southern California.

Rozier finished his three-year career with 4,780 yards rushing. That total is still a Big Eight record. He also earned the second Heisman Trophy in Cornhusker history in 1983.

At the awards ceremony in the Grand Ballroom of the New York

Rozier played through injuries. He was the personification of toughness.

Two weeks before the Oklahoma State game in 1982, he was forced to come off the bench despite the painful hip-pointer to fill in at I-back after Roger Craig, the starter, reinjured an ankle during a game against Missouri. Jeff Smith was ineffective, leaving Rozier as the next in line.

He discarded a flak jacket he had worn in the first half, because it was too bulky, and gained 105 yards on only 10 carries in the second half as the Cornhuskers rallied to win, 23-19. Rozier gained 66 yards on a 79-yard drive to the winning touchdown.

He was in so much pain by then that he had to ask a trainer to hand him an icebag. He left the field before the final gun and spent a good 30 minutes in the training room getting treatment afterward.

Such scenarios were commonplace during Rozier's three seasons



Hilton, he gave college football's most coveted individual trophy to his mother, Beatrice Rozier. "On behalf of the Downtown Athletic Club and me, Mom, this trophy is for you," he said as he handed the statue to his brother, Guy, to take to his mom in the audience.

Rozier was fast. He was strong. And he had the instincts that set the great running backs apart. But what made him special was his durability, his willingness to play when others couldn't, or wouldn't.

As his effort in the 1982 Oklahoma State game illustrated,

Nearly every school rushing record, including Bobby Reynolds' (right), were smashed while Mike Rozier wore his No. 30 for the Huskers.

as a Cornhusker. He spent considerable time in the training room. But he never missed a game. And he never pursued personal goals at the expense of the team. Before his senior season, he told reporters: "A national championship would mean more to me than a Heisman Trophy. I'd rather rush for 20 yards and win

than rush for 200 yards and lose." He meant that.

Rozier seemed uncomfortable being the center of attention from the moment he arrived at Nebraska, after a 34-hour Greyhound bus ride from his home in Camden, N.J. A cold prevented him from taking a commercial flight along with his brother, and because of an air traffic controllers' strike by the time he was ready to go, his mom was concerned about his safety. The bus pulled into Lincoln at 2 a.m.

Rozier was a year late in arriving at Nebraska. He was forced to spend his first season after graduating from Camden's Woodrow Wilson High at Coffeyville (Kan.) Community College because his cumulative grade-point average was just under the 2.0 required by the NCAA for freshman eligibility.

He rushed for 1,100 yards at Coffeyville, despite missing two games because of a shoulder injury. Rozier was asked about redshirting his first year at Nebraska, but he preferred not to. The issue wasn't forced because the Cornhuskers lacked experienced depth at I-back behind Craig, who was a junior.

Besides, Rozier was impressive from his first major scrimmage in the fall of 1981. On his first carry in the scrimmage, running behind the No. 3 offensive line against the third-team defense, he picked up 16 yards. He finished the scrimmage with 78 yards rushing and two touchdowns.

Rozier and Craig shared time at I-back in 1981, combining to rush for 2,035 yards and 11 touchdowns. Rozier gained 943 of the yards and scored six of the touchdowns to earn first-team All-Big Eight recognition. He was chosen as the conference's Offensive Newcomer of the Year.

He carried 15 times for 75 yards and teamed with wingback Anthony Steels on a 25-yard touchdown pass in Nebraska's 22-15 loss to Clemson in the 1982 Orange Bowl. A victory most likely would have given the Cornhuskers a national championship. Rozier was so upset about losing that he went home to Camden the day after the game and considered quitting football.

He didn't, of course, returning to Nebraska and breaking Reynolds' record and helping the Cornhuskers go 12-1 to finish No. 3 in the final ratings of both The Associated Press

ROZIER'S RECORD-SETTING 1983 SEASON

Opponent	ATT.	YDS.	TDs
Penn State*	16	71	0
Wyoming	19	191	4
@ Minnesota	15	196	3
UCLA	26	159	2
Syracuse	19	142	2
@ Oklahoma St.	25	146	0
@ Missouri	24	159	2
Colorado	19	155	4
@ Kansas St.	23	227	3
Iowa St.	26	212	4
Kansas	31	285	4
@ Oklahoma	32	205	1
Season Total	275	2,148	29

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That was a prelude to the 1983 season, and Nebraska's "Scoring Explosion" team, which was No. 1 in the preseason polls and maintained the top spot through 12 victories, leading up to the Orange Bowl game against Miami the night of Jan. 2, 1984.

Rozier rushed for 100 or more yards in 11 consecutive games, start-

ing with a 191-yard performance (on only 19 carries) in the second game against Wyoming — a 56-20 victory.

After he zig-zagged from one side of the field to the other to score a touchdown from 2 yards out against UCLA (a run reminiscent of Reynolds' against Missouri in 1950), Rozier was given the nickname "Michael Heisman" by Fryar, another New Jersey native.

Rozier finished the regular season in 1983 with four consecutive 200-yard rushing performances. After the second, in which he gained 212 yards against Iowa State, he told reporters he had hoped to break the school single-game rushing record held by Berns. He would have to wait a week, he said.

True to his word, he rushed for 285 yards and scored four touchdowns a week later in a 67-13 victory over Kansas at Memorial Stadium. The four rushing touchdowns gave him 28 for the season, breaking the NCAA record of 26, held by Penn State's Lydell Mitchell.

Rozier had 230 rushing yards and all four touchdowns, by halftime. "I've always wanted the record," he said after the game. "This week, they let me get it. I wanted to break it here, in my last home game.

"I'm not out for individual records, but I'm glad coach (Tom) Osborne let me stay in."

It was difficult keeping him out of the lineup any other way. ■



Rozier (30) would have opted for a victory over Miami for the 1983 national title instead of the Heisman Trophy.



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Charlie McBride, the Nebraska football team's veteran defensive coordinator, shook his head. "When I played, it (the score) was 7-6," he said. McBride, who lettered as an end at Colorado from 1959 through 1961, was talking in generalities the week following the Cornhuskers' 77-28 victory over Arizona State.

On the same day Nebraska scored 77, Florida State posted that total against North Carolina State. The week before, the Seminoles had put up 70 points against Duke. Afterward, coach Bobby Bowden sent a note of apology to the Blue Devils.

Three weeks into the season, NCAA-Division I-A teams were combining for an average of just over 50 points per game. "I've never seen anything like it," McBride said.

That trend is of considerable concern to defensive coaches, who must devise schemes for dealing with the complex offenses responsible for it. "Offenses are more developed," McBride said. "It used to be the Wishbone. Now, it could be anything: three backs, no backs, two backs, 'A' sets, quads, guys spread all over the field."

And with the NCAA's 20-hour a week limit on practices, "there's not enough time (to prepare)," he said.

Cornhusker coach Tom Osborne, whose offensive genius is too often disguised by a reliance on the running game, echoed McBride's assessment of this season's scoring explosion.

"There's a lot more diversity in college football, lots of sets, lots of plays," Osborne said. "Look at us. We can go from the Wishbone to the shotgun. We spread the defense. And that creates an awful lot of matchups with great skill players."

nebraska 49, pacific 7

nebraska 35, washington st. 21

Nebraska's offensive philosophy is based on the run, of course, and there was concern of a drop-off this season following the departure of all but one starter in the interior of the Cornhusker offensive line.

Replacements have stepped in, however, and Nebraska has been no less prolific in putting up points. Last season, Cornhusker receivers coach Ron Brown described Nebraska as "the best big-play running team in the country." And that hasn't changed.

"We're thinking touchdown on every play," Brown said.

Osborne seems "unimaginative, probably, to some fans. But to the defensive coaches preparing for us, he is very imaginative, very creative."

The offense "is well-planned, very thoroughly planned. All of the bases are covered," Brown said.

Some offenses, "if they can get the front five going the other way, that's OK. But we try to get all 11 (on defense) knocked down."

As a result, plays designed to get 5 or 10 yards regularly produce big gains, even touchdowns.

Early this season, big plays were commonplace for the Cornhuskers, who wasted little time mounting long scoring drives. In the first three

Averaging 55 points a game through the first five, Tommie Frazier's Huskers are blowing teams away much like Irving Fryar's (above) "Scoring Explosion" team of 1983.

games, Nebraska's average touchdown drive took less than two minutes.

Big plays are evidence not only of Nebraska's offensive line strength, but also of an emphasis on down-field blocking by wide receivers. Every Cornhusker, including the quarterback, is expected to block. Tommie Frazier illustrated that with a textbook block on a run by wing-back Clester Johnson in the 35-21 victory over Washington State.

"Tom's a very nice, very gentle man," Brown said. "But he's also very demanding. We all are very



demanding of our players. Everybody's got to do it. There are no shortcuts. Everybody blocks on offense. I can't remember a game where Tom didn't talk about that. That's Tom's thoroughness, his attention to detail."

After the 77-point outburst against Arizona State (63 by halftime), the Cornhuskers were compared to the 1983 "Scoring Explosion" team.

The ASU game was certainly reminiscent of 1983, when Nebraska set NCAA records for points scored (624), touchdowns (89) and extra points by kicking (77). The Cornhuskers averaged 52 points and 546.7 yards per game. They gained an average of 6.66 yards per carry and 7.2 yards each time they snapped the ball in 1983.

Though Nebraska started in similarly impressive fashion this season, "I can't imagine it will continue," Osborne said. "There's no reason to say we'll be absolutely in synch every week. We're going to see some people down the road who are going to slow us down pretty good."

The odds are they will. Even Nebraska's 1983 team had an off day on offense, scoring only 14 points at Oklahoma State. Still...

The Cornhuskers waste little time on offense. "We feel like we've got a pretty good offense, and we want to get as many plays run as we can," said Frank Solich, the assistant

head coach and running backs coach.

"Our practices are based on a fast tempo. And we're huddling 4 or 5 yards from the ball."

Solich was an outstanding full-back at Nebraska from 1963 to 1965. The Cornhuskers scored 58 points against South Dakota State and 56 points against South Dakota during those seasons. But such totals were the exception rather than the rule.



The change is a result of "a lot of things," according to Solich. Among those things is increased emphasis on weight training and speed development, he said.

"I was one of the strongest guys on the team, and that included the linemen," Solich said, recalling his playing days at Nebraska. He came from a high school in Cleveland that emphasized strength training.

Rules changes allowing more liberal use of the hands in blocking have contributed to higher scores, as have rules that tend to discourage field goals.

After his team scored the 147 points in two games, Florida State's Bowden said the 85-scholarship limit imposed by the NCAA in an attempt to contain costs has contributed to lopsided games and high scores.

"I think for a lot of us, it's a case where our reserves are better than your reserves," he told *The Associated Press*. "In the fourth quarter, the other team concedes and starts playing new boys. You play your new boys and they're vastly superior to their news boys."

Arizona State coach Bruce Snyder refused to shake hands with Osborne because Nebraska scored a touchdown at the end of the 77-28 victory on a pass from Matt Turman to Lance Brown.

Turman was a third-team quarterback, Brown a fourth-team wide receiver who was covered by one of the Sun Devils' top-unit defensive backs.

Snyder was miffed about the pass, more than anything. Passing, of course, is regarded as the surest means of producing big plays and putting points on the board quickly.

"The passing game has so much to do with it," McBride said of the trend toward high scores.

Given the remarkable speed of receivers and the uncertainty created by the variety of offensive sets, just getting a defense lined up properly can be a problem. "You keep pressure on the defense," Osborne said.

"Just one mistake, one missed step by a defensive back, even though everybody else is in position," can mean a big play, and six points, Osborne said.

Nebraska continues to work on becoming more efficient in its passing. "When you do both, that's the key," McBride said. "Our running game combined with a passing game?"

His question was rhetorical.

"Whew," he said. ■

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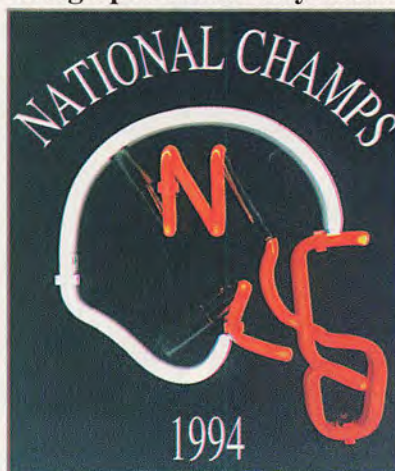


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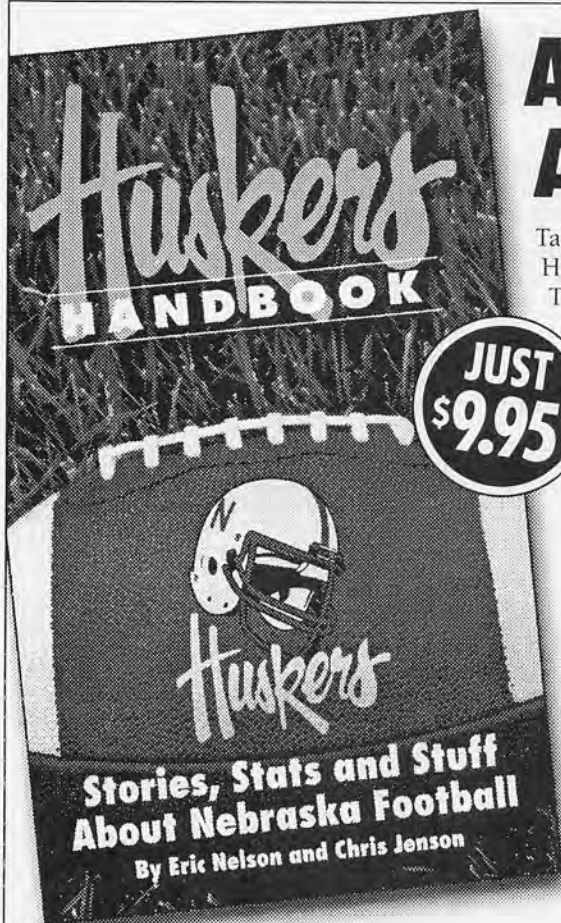
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Downsizing The Defense

The Husker defense has gotten smaller and quicker, but Nebraska still needs size on the interior line

By JAMES HALE

The Huskers of the 1990s aren't quite as big as the grain-fed teams of the '70s and '80s. Instead, they rely on team speed. Nebraska has become quicker by moving big safeties to line-backer and linebackers to defensive end.

However, even the quickest of defenses must be anchored by sizable defensive tackles. The Peter brothers, Christian and Jason, handle those chores more than adequately now, but interior linemen remain a recruiting priority for the Huskers. Locating these players is not easy, so Nebraska's looking all over the country, especially in the Midwest.

In Jenison, Mich., the Huskers are pursuing **Dave Brandt** (6-foot-4, 250 pounds, 4.9 40-yard dash), who's known for playing with anger and aggression. He bench presses 320, has great quickness and is nearly impossible to block one-on-one.

"I think I get a pretty good jump off the ball when it is snapped," Brandt said. "Technique is more important down there than people imagine. You have to know what you are doing, especially with so many players flying at you."

Brandt compares favorably with former Jenison defensive tackle Paul

Grasmanis, who signed with Notre Dame. The Fighting Irish are also in the recruiting hunt for Brandt, as are Michigan, Michigan State, Illinois and the Huskers.

"It's not hard to like Nebraska," Brandt said. "They have one of the top programs in the country. They seem so dominant all the time that you just know they are going to be a top 10 program every year."

Javiar Collins (6-7, 265, 4.7) of St. Paul St. Thomas Academy in Minnesota is the best prospect in that state and says he's interested in Nebraska. He's already been offered scholarships by Michigan State and Minnesota.

"I really don't know about Nebraska's academic program, but everybody knows how good their football program is," Collins said. "They are a great football school. I just need to learn more about their school before making a decision to visit."

Corey Bern (6-4, 272, 5.1) of Spencer, Iowa, already has visited Lincoln unofficially. He has the strength to be an effective defensive tackle, with a 355 bench and a 500 squat. Bern has visits set with Iowa State and Iowa, and attended camps at Iowa and Nebraska.

"Nebraska has one of the best tra-



Steve Williams, one of the top defensive linemen in Oklahoma, will choose between OU and Nebraska.

ditions in the country, and they have great coaches who you can count on being at Nebraska throughout your four years there," Bern said. "I went to their summer camp and saw how first-rate they were, and I have a definite interest in them."

Another Iowan, **Antonio Mays** (6-2, 273, 5.3) of Waterloo, has dominated for three years on both sides of the ball. He recorded 56 solo stops and seven sacks last season. Mays, also a starter in basketball, is leaning toward LSU, but Iowa, Iowa State, Nebraska, Florida and Texas A&M are possibilities.

Jesse Gibson (6-8, 250, 4.9) of Rapid City (S.D.) Stevens went to the Nebraska camp over the summer and has his choices narrowed down to the Huskers, Iowa, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

Richard Allara (6-4, 260, 4.9) of Matewan, W.Va. is a three-year starter on both sides of the line, at defensive tackle and guard. Allara, who bench presses 375 pounds, had

CLOGGING THE LANES

Even though Nebraska's defense is built around speed and quickness, the Sooners still need large interior linemen. Here are a few who have shown interest in Nebraska:

Player	Ht.	Wt.	40	Schools Under Consideration
Dave Brandt	6-4	250	4.9...	ND, MICH, MICH ST, ILL, NU
Javiar Collins	6-7	265	4.7	MICH, MIN, NU
Corey Bern	6-4	272	5.1	IA, NU, IA ST.
Antonio Mays	6-2	273	5.3...	LSU, IA, IA ST, NU, FLA, A&M
Jesse Gibson	6-8	250	4.9	NU, IA, WIS, WY
Richard Allara	6-4	260	4.9	WV, FLA, ND, NU, STAN
Ismeal Knight	6-4	320	5.2	NU, KU, CLEM
Jim Jones	6-3	265	4.8	NU, OHIO ST, ND, ILL
Steve Williams	6-4	255	4.8	OU, NU
T.J. Jackson	6-3	245	4.8	WASH, NU, COL, MICH
Victor Leyva	6-4	300	5.0	NU, WASH, COL, AZ, ASU
Jake Hammer	6-3	260	4.8	Open

101 tackles as a junior, 42 of them solo. West Virginia already has offered a scholarship. Allara says he will visit the Mountaineers, Florida, Notre Dame and Virginia Tech. Nebraska, Stanford, Tennessee and Rice are fighting for the fifth visit.

Ismeal Knight (6-4, 320, 5.2) of Tampa (Fla.) Hillsboro could play offense or defense in college. Knight can bench 325, squat 505 and throws the shot and discus in track. He says his choices are down to Kansas, Nebraska and Clemson, with the Huskers the top choice.

"Nebraska claims to have a good criminal justice program, and that is what I want to study," Knight said. "Of course, they are great on the offensive line, but they always seem to have one or two on the defensive line who go to the pros."

In Chicago, the Huskers are after **Jim Jones** (6-3, 265, 4.8) of Ridge Richards, who can play any line position but prefers the interior. Nebraska will have to beat out Notre Dame for Jones.

"I really like Nebraska's tradition and their coaches," Jones said. "I already have a visit set with Ohio State, and I really look forward to seeing Notre Dame as well. Illinois and Michigan State may get my other two visits."

In Oklahoma, **Steve Williams** (6-4, 255, 4.8) of Sapulpa is a preseason All-American who will choose between Oklahoma and Nebraska. However, OU may be the solid leader.

"Nebraska is fairly close, and the Husker program is top-notch," Williams said. "However, OU is real close, with a good program and that may be too good to pass up."

T.J. Jackson (6-3, 245, 4.8) of Lompoc, Calif., loves to rush the quarterback and had 10 sacks last year. Jackson went to half the Pacific 10 Conference schools last summer and wants to visit Lincoln, Colorado and Michigan. Washington is the early leader.

Victor Leyva (6-4, 300, 5.0) of Porterville Manache, Calif., is leaning toward the Huskers. Washington, Colorado, Arizona and Arizona State are others under consideration.

Jake Hammer (6-3, 260, 4.8) of Deer Park, Texas, is another top prospect on the line, although he is a bit undersized.

Hammer has attracted the attention of several schools because of his strength and his work habits. He benches 400 and squats 600. Hammer occasionally plays some linebacker for Deer Park. He is cur-

rently wide open in his recruiting.

Nebraska's defense, which has gradually become smaller and quicker, still requires size on the interior line. It's a tough position to fill, but the Huskers should land some quality athletes because they recruit across the country. ■



Jake Hammer is an undersized lineman who has drawn raves for his work habits.

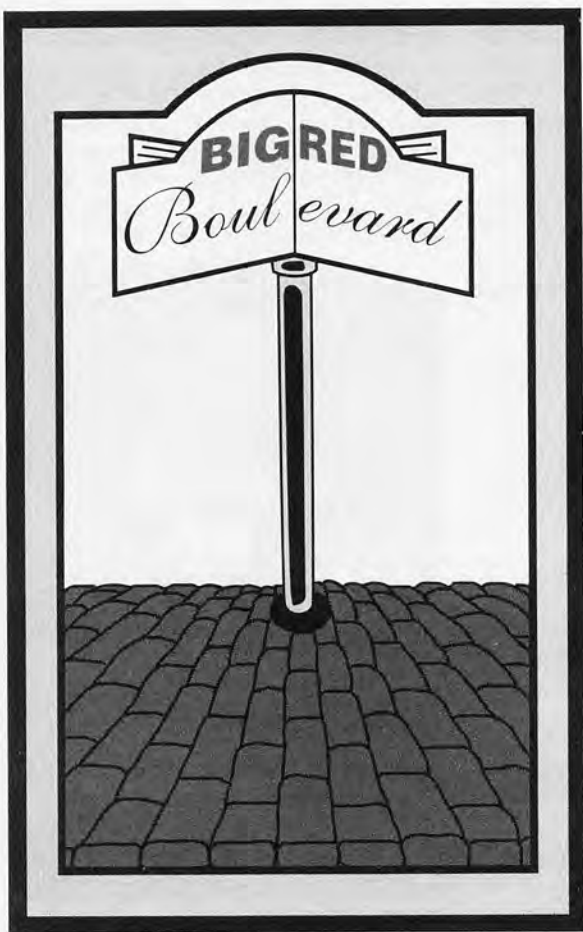
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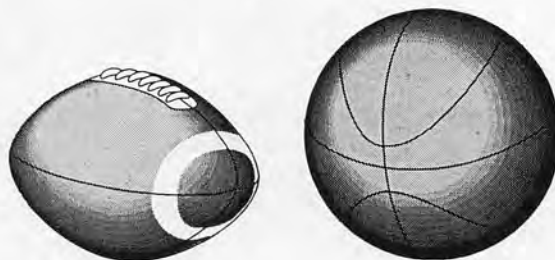
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Championship Drive Begins With KSU

Ranked and tougher teams on the horizon for yet untested Huskers

By **MIKE BABCOCK**

Tom Osborne's post-game interview was fairly brief because, well, there wasn't a whole lot to say following Nebraska's 57-0 victory over Missouri on Saturday.

The 57-0 pretty much said it all, particularly for those such as Osborne who believe that if you can't say something nice about someone, it's best not to say anything at all.

"Anything disturbing?" a newspaper reporter asked Osborne near

eight touchdowns against a Missouri team that played hard but, to be honest, was not very good, particularly on offense.

Nebraska could be thankful the Tigers' offensive ineptitude wasn't contagious, though the Cornhuskers did have occasional lapses, as well. They fumbled six times. None of the fumbles were lost, however, and the last two came in the fourth quarter on mishandled center snaps.

Nebraska's offensive execution was "up and down the whole day,"

Bob Berry



Nebraska's offensive totals were misleading against Missouri.

the end of the interview.

"No," Osborne replied.

The reporter came back with a question about the Cornhuskers' failure to pick up a first down on a fourth-and-1 at the Missouri 3-yard line.

"Oh yes," Osborne said, with a rueful smile. "That was bad."

Freshman I-back Ahman Green was stopped for no gain on the play to end Nebraska's first possession. It was Missouri's brightest moment.

Osborne took responsibility. He probably should have called a play to the outside or something, he said.

When all was said and done, however, it didn't much matter. Barely two minutes later, the Cornhuskers scored the first of their

said quarterback Tommie Frazier, who scored three touchdowns and passed for two. "We were not really consistent."

Which raises the question: What would the final score have been without the occasional offensive lapses? The Cornhuskers could have named it.

Nebraska was held (if that's an appropriate description) to season lows of 475 total yards and 342 rushing yards. And none of the Cornhuskers rushed for 100 or more yards.

Green, who got his first start at Nebraska, had a game-high 90 yards rushing on only 15 carries.

The Cornhuskers' offensive totals were a little misleading, said Osborne, because "sometimes, we had such good field position, we didn't have to go very far to score."



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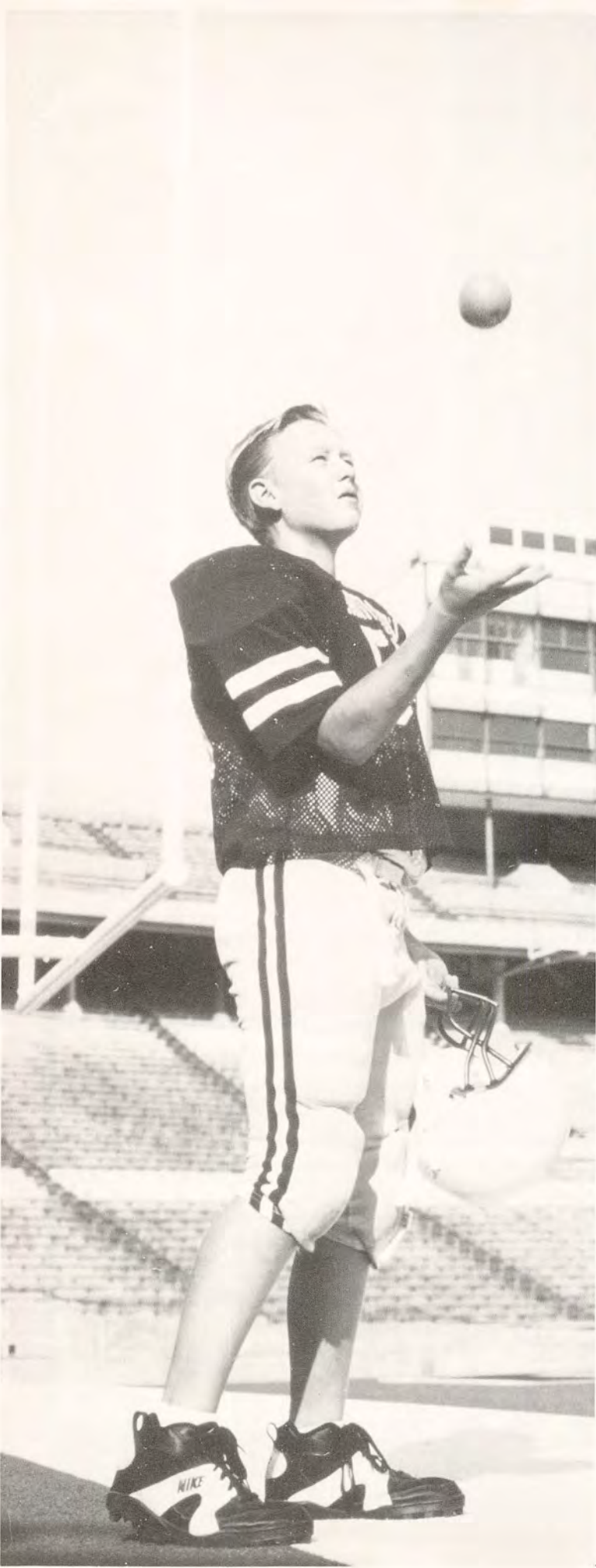
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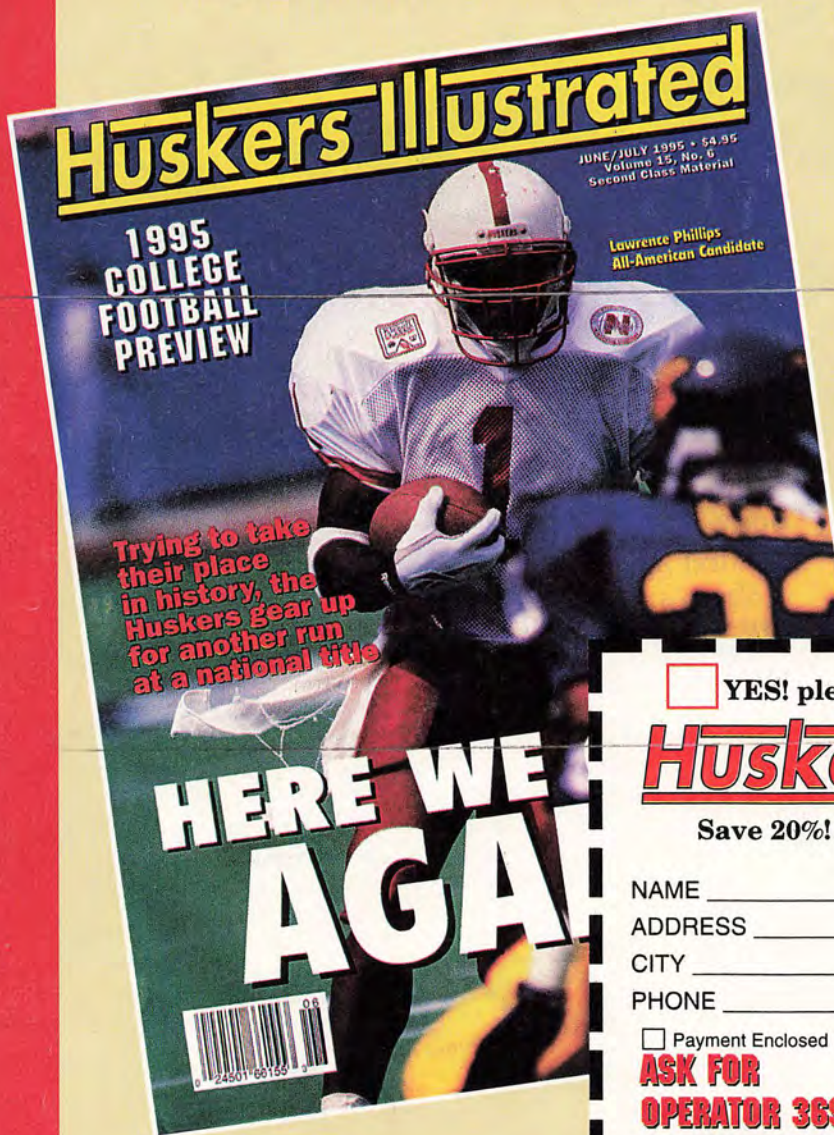
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